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SUBJECT: GUATEMALA TERRORISTS AND MORE

THIS IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY COMPLICATED. LAST NIGHT, SOURCE ASKED ME TO COME SEE HIM AND I DID SO. WE SPENT PERHAPS ONE HOUR AND 15 MINUTES TOGETHER. THE CONVERSATION STARTED OUT ON THE BASIC PROBLEM WHICH WAS THE CAUSE OF THIS WHOLE CAPER BUT VEERED IN THE DIRECTION OF NARCOTICS. SOURCE SAID HE IS DEDICATED TO TRYING TO STAMP OUT NARCOTICS TRADE MORE, PERHAPS, THAN ANYTHING ELSE HE IS INVOLVED IN. HE HAS WORD THAT LINDY ROGERS INVOLVED IN NARCOTICS-AN ALLEGATION WHICH IS PROBABLY, ALMOST CERTAINLY TRUE-AND SOURCE WANTS TO "GET" ROGERS. HE THEN WENT WITH A RATHER LURID STORY ABOUT A COCAINE SHIPMENT AND ASKED IF THERE WAS ANYWAY I COULD PREVENT ITS LEAVING BELIZE. I SAID I DID NOT SEE HOW BUT THAT, IF GIVEN ABOUT EIGHT OR TEN HOURS ADVANCE NOTICE OF ITS GENERAL DESTINATION, I FELT I COULD WARN APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES IN THE US. THIS PART OF THE CONVERSATION LEFT ME IN A RATHER WONDERING MOOD.

THIS AFTERNOON (TUESDAY, 18 JULY) SOURCE CALLED TO SAY HE HAD BEEN VISITED BY DEPUTY CHIEF IMMIGRATION OFFICER W. HOPE WHO HAD QUESTIONED HIM IN DETAIL AS TO WHY HE WAS HERE, WHAT HE WAS DOING AND SO ON. HOPE SCRUTINIZED CERTIFICATE OF
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REGISTRATION AS A SOCIETY (OR SIMILAR NAME, SOURCE WAS A BIT CONFUSED) AND HAD EXAMINED HIS FILES QUITE CAREFULLY. HOPE THEN SAID SOURCE AND A SIDE KICK NAMED SCOTT RITCHIE (OR RITCHY) HAD UNTIL JULY 26 TO GET OUT OF TOWN. SOURCE ASKED ME IF I COULD PUT IN A GOOD WORD WITH THE BRITISH OFFICIALS IN BELIZE HOUSE. I SAID, AS I HAD EARLIER, THAT I WAS PREPARED TO SAY SOMETHING TO THEM IN THE EVENT, IT WOULD BE BRIAN BERRY,

THE NUMER TWO IN THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE. I WAS CONTEMPLATING
A RELATIVELY MILD PRESENTATION BUT DECIDED IT MIGHT BE WELL TO
CHECK WITH THE DEPARTMENT SY. ON DOING SO, I WAS ADVISED
THAT A CABLE IS ENROUTE WHICH DESCRIBES SOURCE AS A BIT OF A
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